

Evaluation Instructions

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- Is the article well written? Does it move logically from a clear thesis through a well developed argument using supporting evidence to yield persuasive conclusions?
- Does it use obscure or arcane language or overly complex sentence and paragraph structure that make the article difficult for the average reader to understand?
- Does the article use excessive acronyms?
- Is the article written in a straightforward manner or does it give the impression that it has been written to impress rather than inform and persuade?
- Does the article fall into one of the "[CAC Commander's Research Top Priority List](#)" for CAC research?
- Is the focus of the article the "operational" level of war?
- Is the article cutting-edge, offering well-thought-out and well-researched alternate proposals, alternate viewpoints, or dissenting opinions with regard to issues of contemporary importance?
- Does the article show evidence of significant research using accepted academic standards?
- Is the article the product of original research?
- If the article is not a product of original research, is it an effective synthesis of existing research, and has it yielded significant insight?
- Does the article offer plausible solutions to a problem or issue?
- Is research backed up by careful footnoting or endnotes?
- Does the manuscript show significant reliance on webpage sources or spurious resources in its footnotes or endnotes?
- Does the author of the article know what he (she) is talking about? If the evaluator is familiar with the issue or issues being discussed in the article, does the article fairly represent the background facts and provide a credible examination of the issue?

- Does the article contribute anything new to the literature of military affairs or security issues? Does it say anything new?
- If the manuscript is a historical article, do the issues associated with the historical events described and evaluated have any direct relevance to current events or the conditions of the current security environment?

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